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4. Annual production of sulphur amounts to 75,000 tons. 5,000 tons were to have been exported during the first quarter of 1953; however, only 2,000 were shipped. During 1952, 3,000 tons were shipped to Russia and 5,000 tons to West Germany.
5. Annual production of soda amounts to about 130,000 to 140,000 tons. The Bernburg soda works, formerly dismantled by the Russians, now has a daily production of 300 tons.
6. During 1952, the Kreise received instructions to include in their budgets monies for the purchase of Gasarol, a DDT-like disinfectant used against potato bugs. The Kreis budget allocations were made on the basis of the price of Gasarol current at the beginning of the year. After the budgets had been submitted to higher headquarters the Ministry of Finance levied an excise of 100 percent on Gasarol. This resulted in a 50 percent reduction in the amount of Gasarol that could be purchased by the Kreise. A surplus of 3,000 tons of Gasarol thus resulted. During the spring of 1953, it was ascertained that the incidence of potato bugs had almost doubled, i.e., that there had been 8-10 eggs laid (Gelege) per square meter.
7. The present head of the Research and Development Section of the State Secretariat for Chemistry is Prof. (fnu) Bertsch.
8. State Secretary for Chemistry is Dr. Werner Winkler, formerly with the Premnitz rayon works. His replacement at Premnitz is Erich Winkler, a former section head in the state secretariat.

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